



Site: Main Street
Location: Niles
Owner: City of Niles/Various
Original Use: Commercial/Mixed Use
Current/Future Use: Commercial/Mixed Use
Completed: 2004
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Project Description: The Downtown Niles Revitalization Project is a multi-faceted program that includes facade restoration, streetscape improvements and the creation of new apartments within Main Street's historic buildings.

The most visually striking aspect of the revitalization project was the stripping away of the big, brown aluminum panels from the facades of the buildings on Main Street to reveal the historic nineteenth-century architecture hidden since the 1970s. The city of Niles rediscovered the character and appeal that is key to revitalizing their downtown and making Niles a cool city.

Armed with a myriad of partners and a commitment to its citizens, the city transformed its downtown and in the process created a greater sense of community. For its commitment to historic preservation, the city of Niles and its partners were award a 2005 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation.

Building owners will now receive assistance through the Michigan Main Street program to further enhance the facades of these "new" buildings.

Rehabilitation Investment: **\$2,680,000**
 Total Project Investment: **\$2,680,000**
 Jobs Created (Direct & Indirect): **67**

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